

The Bethel Courier

FRIDAY MORNING, May 25, 1860.

Editorial Correspondence.

ISLAND POND, May 22, 1860.

DEAR COURIER:—With the Atlantic Monthly for June, in hand for company, we took our seat in the cars for this place. The valley of the Androscoggin begins to put on those peculiar attractions so pleasing to the tourist. On arriving at Gorham we took a brief survey of the village. This has become a place of considerable importance from the fact that it is the centre of attraction for the White Mountain travel, while the numerous work shops give employment to a large number of hands. Numerous dwellings, some exhibiting good taste, have been erected on different streets, while in the suburbs the Hibernian population is quite numerous. One privilege the Gorhamites possess over their Bethel Hill neighbors is the numerous gravel banks for grading their streets.

Continuing our course we find that the Androscoggin has become perceptibly smaller, passing through the wildest scenery possible till we reach Berlin Falls where there is a small village and excellent mill sites. Steamboats can never ascend any farther. The rocks here are of everlasting granite which sometimes bursts through in powerful veins, the mica and hornblende state. The granite is frequently of a fine texture and of a red color. Gradually we leave the more mountainous region as we approach Milan.

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Nevertheless, Jack was possessed of a big heart, and was generous to a fault. His hand and purse were ever ready to assist an unfortunate brother type. I remember an incident which well illustrated Jack's nobleness of heart. It was about 11 o'clock at night in mid winter, and we were all hard at work "setting up" copious extracts from foreign papers, received by the last steamer, when a poor straggling wreck of a type whom we had all known in better days, ere the bone of so many men's lives, strong drink, had become fastened upon him, came in to solicit some aid for his starving ones at home. His tale was a sad one, and his tear stained cheeks told of the struggle within to master his infirmity. All had a kind word and a spare penny for the forlorn one, save Jack, who for some cause had long been his bitter personal enemy. As he was about leaving the office, Jack, who could stand it no longer, pulled from his pocket his purse containing several dollars, and catching the poor fellow by the shoulder exclaimed:

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quantity of pictures of Christ and the Virgin Mary on the walls. There is a population of 250 Irish and French Canadians whose spiritual affairs are looked after by a priest from Canada once a month. The better class have small tenements, but usually neat externally. This will form a really pretty village in a few years.

It was a most fortunate circumstance that a hundred miles of road could be made right through a mountainous region and pursue nearly a direct course through the valleys of three rivers, the Androscoggin, Ammonoosuc, and the Nulhegan, running along, too, at the very base of the highest mountains in N. England. Having read the Atlantic through, and an admirable sermon of Beecher on Health, and written out this sketch and collected what minerals we could find and seen everything worth noticing, we find ourselves on our way back to our daily tasks.

Typographical Sketches—No. 1

The disciples of Faust, vulgarly known as printers, are peculiar characters. Wherever you find them, whether in a country newspaper office in the backwoods of Maine, or in the office of the mammoth city daily, the professors of the "black art" are noted for their striking peculiarities. In the city daily offices, perhaps, you will find this "character" more fully developed than anywhere else. Men of all nations, speaking all languages, may here be found industriously plying the "stick" and "rule"—each seeming perfectly at home.

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It has been said, and with much truth, too, that improvement is the order of the day. It has also been mentioned that it would be a great convenience as well as a pleasure to the people of the village, could a suitable eating saloon be located where one might pass a few moments to their satisfaction in discussing the merits of a bowl of delicious oysters. We are very much gratified to inform the public that their wishes can now be attended to by calling upon Mr. James E. Ayer, where they will be abundantly supplied at a most reasonable rate. He has fitted up his room with a great deal of taste and neatness, and as he is a gentleman in every sense of the word, we hope that the public will patronize him in such a manner that he will be able to meet all the demands made upon him by those who have the most delicate taste. We wish him success.

For the Courier

DEATH BY DROWNING. On the 15th inst., Peter Dustin, a young man about 20 years of age, resident of Milan Corner, N. H., while at work on the Magalloway river between the lakes Magalloway and Parmaclose, was precipitated from a jam of logs and with them carried over Ecos Falls, which were white with foam. An attempt was made to rescue him by his friends, who had almost succeeded when a swell of water bore him from them almost within his reach, and up to the 19th inst., he had not been found.

Mr. Dustin was a young man of steady habits, and much beloved by all who knew him, and his death so sudden, and yet so terrible, will be long remembered by his many friends as well as those to whom he was more strongly attached by kindred ties.

"May he rest in peace."

A FRIEND.

As the time approaches when we are to pass through the excitement of another Presidential Campaign, we would suggest to our readers not to go beyond the bounds of prudence. The habit of betting on Elections is a foolish one, making the victors look vain, and the vanquished appear silly. Some of the greatest fools we ever saw have vowed never to share, or cut their hair, or finger nails till their favorite candidate should be elected. We would not repress free discussion; but we do deprecate the habit which some men have of attacking every one they meet with something calculated to stir up the worst passions in a man's breast. Many men whose energies should be devoted to providing bread and butter for their families spend many weeks of time and money before an election in discussing political matters to whom it is really of little consequence which candidate succeeds. Let your political creed be what it may, keep cool and you will not be ashamed of your past conduct after election, and have quite as many good friends and neighbors.

The Atlantic Monthly for June is received. We have had time to read only the Professor's Story which contains many excellent bits, and the Review of Bickett's Master, which it seems to us is very harsh. Faults it may have, but if his critic can produce anything better we will purchase it and read it carefully. We believe there are many passages in it of great beauty.

O. Ditonn & Co., of Boston has sent us the following Sheet Music.

Song of our Native Land,—by Wallace.

The Reveller's Chorus,—by Hanley, a capital song.

My own Katrina,—by McNaughton.

Heigho!—By Pond.

La Carmagnole Venise, Polka,—by Ascher.

Stannell,—by Belie.

Orders can be sent for anything in the musical line to them which will be promptly answered.

Terrible Tornado in Southern Ohio.

SERIOUS DAMAGE AT CINCINNATI. SIX PERSONS KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED.

CINCINNATI, May 22. The most destructive tornado ever known in this section of the country passed over this city yesterday. It came from the northwest in a densely black cloud, two miles broad, rushing forward with fearful rapidity, accompanied by thunder and lightning and torrents of rain, demolishing and unroofing houses, and causing a damage amounting to at least half a million of dollars, and killing and seriously injuring many people. Six persons were killed outright.

Among the buildings injured was the new Commercial office, which had the roof blown off and carried the distance of a whole square, and a part of the wall fell through to Johnson's saloon, injuring many persons. The steeple of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church was also blown down; and nearly all the public buildings, school houses and churches, besides large numbers of private dwelling houses were unroofed or otherwise damaged.

The telegraph lines were prostrated in every direction, consequently but little is known as to the damage in the country.

The Cincinnati and Dayton Railroad was covered with a forest of fallen timber.

The country along the Little Miami Railroad, between there and Loveland, suffered terribly. The railroad depot and other buildings were demolished at Loveland, as also the railroad repair shop at Lawrenceburg, and the Catholic Orphan Asylum at Cumminsville, and the road between Cumminsville and Brighton is covered with trees torn up by the roots.

The storm also raged with fearful violence along the river; the steamers at the levee, however, being safely moored, received no damage.

Schooner Virginia Howe, when two miles above the city, was capsized and stove to pieces. She had three passengers, who were all saved, but two stowmen were lost.

A train on the Covington and Lexington Railroad was thrown from the track, and the locomotive and baggage car entirely demolished. The passengers fortunately escaping uninjured.

A heavy rain followed the tornado which continued until after midnight, drenching the roof as habitations.

It is impossible to enumerate all the damage done. Scarcely a house in this city escaped injury. There are no traces of the storm on the Ohio and Mississippi road west of Lawrenceburg, but from that point east its effects are everywhere. Northwest of the city the storm appears to have extended seven miles on the line of the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad. It was also very severe as far East as Chillicothe. Trees were uprooted, houses unroofed, and a wide spread destruction of property in all directions has taken place.

The Tornado along the river, above and below, was very severe.

At Madison, Indiana, six or eight buildings were unroofed, but no lives lost. Three or four Paris, Ky., coal boats were sunk, and six more are missing.

The steamer Knave was partly wrecked near Ghent, Ky. Her cabins and chimneys were blown overhead, together with a quantity of freight. The steamer Argyle also lost her chimneys.

The wharf boats at Patriot, Ghent and Carrollton, were torn from their moorings, carried up the stream and wrecked.

At New Richmond, Ohio, several buildings were unroofed, and a vast amount of damage done to boats and rafts. Six pairs of coal boats were in sight as the storm came on, but nothing has been seen of them since. All on board have probably perished.

The railroads have sustained but little damage, and all are again in running order.

Later accounts state that over 100 lives were lost on the coal barges on the river, beside immense damage in other parts of the West.

Last Saturday was a rainy day. The first since April 5th. Sunday was cold and squally. Sunday night the ground froze quite hard, killing the leaves of the locust, but nut and grapes Thursday night we had another frost which must have nipped any corn that had come up. The ground is again in dry. All kinds of fruit trees are profuse with blossoms.

ITEMS.

St. John, N. B. May 17. Eleven houses were burnt last night. There was insurance upon nearly all of them.

Well executed counterfeit tens on the Eagle Bank, Boston, are in circulation.

EARTHQUAKE. At Lima, on the 22d ult., two hundred and fifty buildings involving a loss of a million of dollars were damaged, and at Callao great injury was occasioned. Many people were killed, and many others seriously injured.

ACCIDENT. On the 16th inst., Mr. Nickerson, an employee on the Grand Trunk Railroad, in attempting to get on board a freight train in Portland, fell under the cars, which passed over his left leg, and so injured it, as to render amputation necessary. His head was also injured somewhat.

CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says that serious fears are entertained lest the venerable head of the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Taney, may never again take his seat on the Bench. He fell from sheer exhaustion a few days ago and had to be borne to his chamber. Another of the aged members of this high tribunal is also in a very feeble condition.

On Saturday last there was a nice little rain, every drop of which was needed, and more too.

The Richmond Sun says an effort is being made to establish an Academy in that village.

On the 10th inst. the house of Daniel Sullivan, in Appleton, was burned with most of its contents.

Large improvements in building are being made in Aroostook.

The Cabot Company, at Brunswick, are building a new fire proof store house, capable of containing 1000 bales of cotton.

A man named—Fing, of Waterville, employed on the West Branch drive, was drowned on Sunday noon, just above Settemuck Falls.

The auction room of Joshua Moody at Auburn, was broken open on Wednesday night of last week, and about \$125 in goods stolen.

Thomas Fuller, of Parkman, has a row that has made 100 hundred and nine pounds of butter in nine months and fifteen days. We hope the owner will not say that she had poor feed.

A little boy seven years old, on of R. H. Higgins, of North Carmel, was at play with a hay cutter and cut three of his fingers from his right hand.

A portion of the machinery of the steamer Daniel Webster broke down on Saturday last, without personal injury to any one, and it is supposed that it will take a month's time in which to effect repairs. The proprietors will put another boat upon the route, if one can be obtained.

Settlers continue to flow into Aroostook county in large numbers, among them are some from California and others from the West, and they say that there are as many attractions in Aroostook as in the bounteous West, or on the gold soils of California.

The Aroostook Pioneer states that goods for that country are now taken up the St. John river, where are steamboats, and that this is the most convenient way of taking heavy articles to that region.

THE NEW BONNET pleases us very much. It forms a graceful curve in front—parabolic, if you please, like the path of a rocket through the air. It does make the wearer have such a sensible look about her that is really attractive. It certainly is a relief to lose sight of the little apologies of a bonnet in vogue so long, and which kept one in anxiety all the time lest they should fall off. Success to the new bonnet.

Please read the Advertisement in another column, head "Destiny."

Since we waked up last week we have been looking around to see what changes have taken place in our village. We learn that the Proprietors of the Methodist Episcopal Church have purchased a lot of Twitchell and Burnham in front of Dr. Goddard's and have already hauled their lumber on to the ground. The lot is sufficiently large for a Church and a parsonage. If neatly graded it will make a pleasant location.

The old Chapman house has at last reached its destination and is rapidly fitting up as a house for rent.

R. A. Chapman has commenced erecting a two story building on Main Street, opposite our office.

The Patten house has been recently purchased by Mr. Chas. Tubbs.

The Freeman Block we understand has been purchased by Messrs. Evelyn and Piper, who in due time, will make improvements upon them.

The Chandler have commenced improving the lot at the head of Broad Street for which we are heartily glad.

We notice, furthermore, that the Congregational Church has not been painted yet.

As it may be among the possibilities that the Prince of Wales will visit Bethel sometime during the Summer, our citizens should have our village trimmed up as neatly as possible. We hope the Road supervisor will have High Street well graded, so that the procession can pass through it at its opening. The Gentlemen and Ladies' room at the Depot needs new papering and a new floor. It would shock his Honor to see it as it is now. Main Street near the brook seems to have considerable rubbish that ought to be cleared up. Wherever a citizen has a lot, there he should grade up a good side-walk. Even if the Prince does not honor us with a visit, it will do us no harm to attend to these things.

FIRE AT DENMARK. On Monday morning about 3 o'clock, the house situated on the top of Mount Pleasant, in Denmark, Me., was destroyed by fire, together with its contents. The cause of the fire unknown, but is supposed to have been an incendiary.

NARROW ESCAPE. While a gang of men were engaged in raising a building for R. A. Chapman, Esq., on Wednesday, one of the hands was driving together the timbers in the second story with a heavy broad saw, when it parted from the handle and fell with considerable force on the shoulder of Mr. J. Nutting, and from him struck the back of Mr. Aaron Abbott's land, cutting a severe gash, then fell on his foot cutting a gash there. Mr. Nutting suffered only from the blow, but fortunately escaped being cut.

If you want some frisky aromatic Pop Beer, call at Ayer's. It is excellent.

Bro. Elwell wonders what good property can do us in Paradise. It won't do us much good if it bothers us so much to keep the fence up. One thing is certain, he will not be likely to trouble it much unless he mends his own ways.

Capt. A. M. Merrill, has made arrangements to accommodate fishing parties to the Lake Umbagog, during the summer. This will be a fine thing for our pleasure seeking friends. We hope he will be well patronized.

Mr. R. Penley of this town, has shown us an egg laid by a Chittagong pullet, which weighed 3 3/4 ozs. and measures 6 3/4 by 7 1/2 inches in circumference.

Gody for June is alive with material, with which to interest the ladies.

The Home Magazine for June is another excellent work suitable for any family.

Those who are troubled with Vermin will find something of interest in the Advertising columns.

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MAILS.

Mails close as follows:— 10 A. M. to Portland, 3 to Island Pond. 4 P. M.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF TRAINS. Leaving train leaves Bethel for Portland at 10 30, A. M. Returning—arrives from Portland at 1 1/2, P. M.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Every Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M. and 1 1/4 P. M., in the following churches:— 1st Cong'l. Rev. Mr. West. 2nd Cong'l. Rev. Mr. G. A. G. 3rd Cong'l. Rev. Mr. G. A. G. Universalist. Rev. Mr. G. A. G.

MEETINGS FOR PRAYER.

On day evenings at 6 1/2 o'clock, at the vestry 30 to 40, Tuesday evenings. Prayer Meeting Saturday evenings.

The following notice of the enterprise of some of the sons of Maine in the West we take from a Milwaukee newspaper. Mr. Chapman is from this vicinity.

"Hasset & Chapman are now putting up a magnificent four story brick store. It is 30 ft. front and 120 ft. deep. I am told that when completed it will be one of the best arranged stores in the Western country. They expect to move into it by Sept. 1st, with an extensive stock of Dry Goods adapted principally to the retail trade of Milwaukee. It will cost when fully completed, about \$15,000."

Our lady friends will not fail to read the advertisement of the Misses Towne, to be found in another column. They have a large assortment of Millinery and Fancy Goods, which they are desirous of selling.

The Republican Convention, in session at Chicago last week, nominated Hon. Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, for President, and Hon. Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, for Vice President.

The year past has been most remarkable for the small number of rain-storms. There was a rain here from July 3d till Sept. 21st, 1859, and none again hardly worthy of notice till April 5th, and then an entire absence of rain to May 20th, 1860.

The Summer Term of Gould's Academy will commence next Tuesday.

GREAT FIRE AT PRINCE ISLE.—We learn from the Annapolis Democrat that, on Sunday of last week, a severe fire occurred at Prince's Isle, occasioned by the fires in the woods in the vicinity. The flames crossed the stream and caught in the house of Mr. Canby, which was consumed in about twenty minutes. A letter in the Democrat states:

"From Canby's it swept everything before it, the wind blowing towards the village, burning the dwelling house and barn of George Mosier the dwelling house, barn and tannery of James McChesney, the dwelling house of James D. Cook, the blacksmith shop of Dyer & Cook, the carriage shop of Mr. Glidden, the house and stable of Geo. Dodge, dwelling house of Warren Hughes, house and stable of Jackson Duckertell, house and stable of Chas. Church, a new house just completed by Hiram Church, and the Academy building.

Hardly a building in the village was at one time expected to be saved. The fire swept repeatedly in other parts of the village, but by the vigorous efforts of our citizens the balance of the village was saved.

From the buildings burned nothing was saved of any importance. The part of the village burned was mostly occupied by our mechanics and their families, who are turned out of doors without saving so much as their clothing or tools.

Loss estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000—amount insured, \$450."

We understand that Prof. Davis, the man born without Arms, Thighs, or Knee Joints will give an Exhibition in this place to-morrow evening in a Pavilion.

NOTICE.

The Oxford Conference of Churches will hold its annual meeting at Andover, commencing Tuesday, June 5th, at 10 o'clock and continuing two days.

1st. preacher, Rev J. B. Wheelwright and preacher, Rev G. F. Tewksbury. Committee of arrangements, Revs. W. R. Jordan, J. Elliot and Dea S. Poor.

Committee to report on the Sabbath Schools, Mr. Josiah Brown of Bethel.

D. GARLAND SECRETARY.

May 14th 1860.

Wanted in exchange for the Courier.

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